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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: FREEMAN, Neville J. et al.

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HOUSING OF A PLANAR OPTICAL

COMPONENT

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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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